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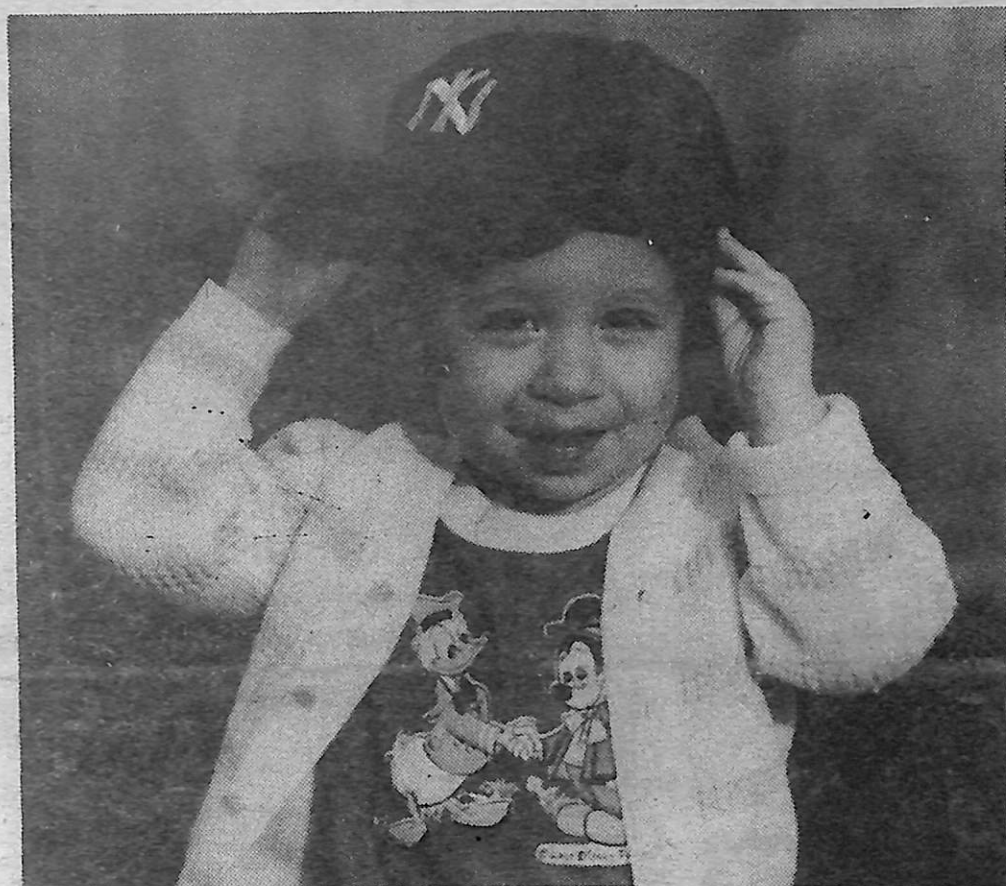
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Getting Ready for the Season



Christopher Wilson, age 17 months from Agawam. photo by Jack Devine

Police Chief Requests Additional Manpower

Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski is expected to request an additional four police officers for his department, hoping to bring the manpower on the Agawam Police department to forty-five.

While comparing the neighboring community of West Springfield, which is comparable in size and population to Agawam, Chief Chmielewski stressed the need for additional manpower.

West Springfield has a population of 30,000 in an area of 20 square miles, while Agawam has a population of 29,000 in a 25 square mile area.

Both the Agawam and West Springfield Police departments claim 15,000 incoming calls in 1978, an increase of 5,000 calls since 1975.

The crime rate in both communities has increased considerably in the last 4

years.

Agawam has shown an increase of 400% for assault and battery, a 500% increase in robberies, a 200% increase in domestic disputes, and a 500% increase in vandalism, during the last 4 years. Also, motor vehicle accidents have increased by 300%.

West Springfield has a 75 man police department which includes one chief, four captains, eight sergeants and sixty-two patrolmen. Their budget for fiscal 1978 was in excess of one million dollars.

Agawam has a 38 man police department including one chief, no captains, seven sergeants and thirty patrolmen. Their budget for a fiscal 1978 was eight hundred seventeen dollars.

For fiscal 1979, Chief Chmielewski is receiving eight hundred eighty thousand dollars which has to include the salaries for the four additional patrolmen.

According to Chief Chmielewski, there are times when some calls cannot be answered, because all available men are already responding to previous requests for aid. He further added that calls are put on a priority basis.

Chmielewski claims that presently each shift averages three patrolmen, one sergeant and a civilian dispatcher.

The three patrolmen are responsible for patrolling 25 square miles and answering approximately 20 calls per 8 hour shift. The Sergeant is responsible for overseeing the three men and supervising the activities which occur during his shift.

Recently, the Agawam police department was criticized for the poor response time involving a fatal automobile accident. According to Chief Chmielewski, the three men on patrol were tied-up at another automobile accident which occurred just minutes earlier. One man was involved at the site of the accident, another was transporting an injured man to the hospital, and the third officer was involved with another call. There was no patrolman available to immediately respond to the second automobile accident.

According to Chief Chmielewski, the Agawam

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Public Hearing Held On Controversial Business Park

by Joanne Brown

Last Wednesday, the Agawam Town Council held a public hearing on the zone change request submitted by John J. Beltrandi of Agawam and Leon Charkoudian of Newton for their proposed business and residential park to be set on 255 acres of land off South West Street.

Speaking to a near-capacity audience in the Junior High auditorium, Charkoudian outlined briefly the planned development. He indicated that the zone change requested would allow to be built buildings for office space, small businesses, retail space, and medical facilities. He noted that further zone changes would be required for the planned physical fitness facilities and condominiums, which, according to him, will bring in the highest type of tax revenue.

"Single-family housing units would ruin the topography of this land as well as the tax base," Charkoudian said. "The average house of this type costs the town \$164 over the amount of taxes brought to the town by that house."

Charkoudian went on to say that the population of Agawam is highly skilled and trained, particularly for "white collar jobs." He stated, "Our proposed business park would tie in to the fastest-growing sector of jobs in the United States—white collar jobs."

After Charkoudian completed his remarks, Attorney Frederick Pillsbury of Springfield explained the restrictive covenant which had been submitted to the council by the developers to assure them and the townspeople that they mean to build what they presently say they will build.

Attorney Pillsbury explained that one of the protectors on which Agawam may call is that of zoning limitations, but he stated that Agawam has no special permits. "A portion of this development will never be possible unless a procedure for special permits is enacted," he said.

According to Attorney Pillsbury, at present, the only instrument by which the town can attempt to restrict uses of this land is by a covenant to run from seller to buyer. "Our covenant," he said, "attempts to place even greater restrictions on the development than the zoning law provides for."

He went on to say that the covenant is binding on all subsequent purchasers of the land as to kinds of buildings which can be erected, how roads will be constructed,

provision of buffer zones, and placement of buildings in regards to frontage.

This covenant is one which has stirred major controversy throughout the town. Pillsbury explained it was submitted as part of the plans to show the good faith of the developers to do what they say they'll do.

Among the speakers in favor of Feeding Hills Commons and Business Park was Town Treasurer David Gallano, who first issued a protest over a letter sent to the councilors from several abutters to the property in question which tried to "muzzle" him into not giving certain information. He also admitted having previously made biased remarks in favor of the development.

Gallano detailed the present tax base in Agawam in the following manner: 60% from single family homes 14% from multiple family dwellings

3.9% from condominiums 12% from commercial property

6% from industrial properties Remainder from undeveloped land. He emphasized that the major tax burden falls on homeowners and that he feels Agawam needs new business to broaden that tax base.

Gallano also urged the councilors not to be influenced by those from outside Agawam who do not hold the interests of our town as a priority.

Several other townspeople spoke in favor of the zone change request, citing the need for an expanded tax base, for medical facilities, and for shopping areas because of the predicted gas shortage.

Among the comments made by those who spoke in opposition to the zone change request were those which

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AEA Ratifies Contract

by Joanne Brown

At a meeting held last Wednesday afternoon, members of the Agawam Education Association voted to ratify a three-year contract as negotiated by a representative committee of the AEA with the Agawam School Committee.

The new contract, which takes effect in September, 1979, provides for a 5% across the board raise in salary for each of the next three years, a slight change in sick leave policy, and a Reduction in Force procedure. A majority of the AEA believes the contract is an excellent one, as do most of the members of the School Committee.

The change in sick leave involves the number of days granted to new employees hired from 1979 on. These newcomers will be granted 12 sick days per year whereas all those presently employed will automatically fall into a "grandfather clause" which allows them to remain at 15 sick days per year.

According to Andrew Bower, president of the AEA, the new Reduction in Force procedure is a most fair and equitable way to reduce the teaching staff should it become necessary to do so in the coming years.

"A seniority list based on areas of certification and length of service in the town of Agawam will be issued in September," stated Bower. "This list will be updated each year so that teachers will know exactly where they stand."

Included in the RIF procedure is a recall period of five years whereby teachers who are laid off will be kept on the role for five years, and if a position opens up for which one of them is qualified, he will be offered the opening before any new individual. Teachers will then be reinstated with full seniority and benefits.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday
May 2

6:30 THE CHEAP DETECTIVE
Sid Caesar, James Coco in Neil Simon's hilarious comedy spoof (PG-1:32)
8:00 SCALPEL
Robert Lansing exudes menace and charm in this bizarre tale (PG-1:35)
10:00 AAU BOXING
Finals (tape)
11:30 BLUE COLLAR
Richard Pryor, Harvey Keitel and Yaphet Kotto plan to rob union HQ (R-1:50)

Thursday
May 3

6:30 VISIT TO A CHIEF'S SON
Richard Mulligan (G-1:32)
8:00 GABLE AND LOMBARD
Costumes by Edith Head, designer for the real Carole Lombard (R-2:11)
10:30 GO TELL THE SPARTANS
Joe Unger as a naive, patriotic officer on first assignment (R-1:54)
12:30 DOG DAY AFTERNOON
Nominated for six Academy Awards (R-2:05)

Friday
May 4

5:30 MUSIC THEN AND NOW
Top recording stars of the '60s—yesterday and today. p.4
7:00 CIRCUS
History of the circus and the people in it.
8:00 THE LOVE BUG
Dean Jones (G-1:47) p.6
10:00 LEGENDS



These three year olds wait for lunch at Valley Community Day Care Center, Feeding Hills. photo by Jack Devine

Sunday
May 6

2:00 SCALPEL
Crackpot plastic surgeon and a legacy (PG-1:35)
4:00 NICKELODEON
Brian Keith (PG-2:02)
6:00 THE MANITOU
Burgess Meredith, Susan Strasberg (PG-1:44) p.20
8:00 EYES OF LAURA MARS
Tommy Lee Jones (*The Betsy*) (R-1:43) p.7
10:00 GABLE AND LOMBARD
They had more than love—they had fun! (R-2:11)
12:30 SEMI-TOUGH
Action comedy about the world of pro football (R-1:47)

Monday
May 7

6:00 THE LOVE BUG
David Tomlinson (*Mary Poppins*) (G-1:47)
8:00 FREDDIE PRINZE AND FRIENDS
His only nightclub footage (1:08) p.9
9:30 RACE FOR YOUR LIFE, CHARLIE BROWN!
Snoopy and all of the lovable troupe (G-1:15)
11:00 GO TELL THE SPARTANS
Based on the exciting novel *Incident at Muc Wa* by Daniel Ford (R-1:54)

Tuesday
May 8

6:00 SUMMERDOG
The adventures of Hobo, a lovable dog (G-1:30) r.
7:30 LEGENDS
Bogart—the story behind the legend. p.20
8:00 STINGRAY
Road action as you like it (PG-1:39)
10:00 DOG DAY AFTERNOON
Truth, once again, is stranger than fiction (R-2:05)
12:15 CROSS OF IRON
Directed by Sam Peckinpah (*The Wild Bunch*) (R-1:59)

Saturday
May 5

3:30 THE CHEAP DETECTIVE
Louise Fletcher (PG-1:32) p.1
5:00 POCO, LITTLE DOG LOST
Chill Wills (G-1:29)
6:30 AAU BOXING
Finals (tape) p.4
8:00 SUMMERDOG
A stray dog wins the hearts of a family of four (G-1:30)
9:30 MARTIN MULL
His first all-out TV special.
10:30 THE CHEAP DETECTIVE
Clever gags (PG-1:32)
12:00 THE SAILOR WHO FELL FROM GRACE WITH THE SEA
Sarah Miles (R-1:45)

School Lunch Menus

Agawam School Menu

Wednesday, May 2: Roast turkey w/gravy, whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce, buttered peas & carrots, rye bread & butter, chocolate cake w/ vanilla icing, milk
Thursday, May 3: ½ tuna salad sandwich, ½ peanut butter sandwich, potato puffs, ketchup, spice applesauce, ice cream, milk
Friday, May 4: Meat ball grinder, mexi corn, oven French fries, ketchup, gingerbread cake w whip topping, milk
Monday, May 7: Grilled cheese sandwich, tossed salad w/spinach greens, ½ peanut butter sandwich for seconds, chilled applesauce, milk
Secondary level: substitute chicken salad on water roll
Tuesday, May 8: Orange juice, baked hamburger & macaroni, buttered Italian bread, green beans, cherry jello w/topping.
Wednesday, May 9: Steamed frankfurt in roll, oven baked beans, French fries, peach crisp, milk

Thursday, May 10: Potted beef cubes in gravy on mashed potatoes, rye bread & butter, mixed vegetables, applesauce spice cake w/vanilla icing, milk.

Friday, May 11: Batter-dip fish, bread & butter, oven French fries, niblet corn, ice cream, milk

Southwick School Menu

Wednesday, May 2: Cheeseburger on bun, pickle chips, French fries, buttered green beans, cherry jello w/ topping.
Thursday, May 3: Sliced turkey on grinder roll, lettuce & tomato, buttered mixed vegetables, chilled peaches, milk
Friday, May 4: Cheese pizza, buttered corn, garden green salad w/ dressing, chilled applesauce, milk
Monday, May 7: Ravioli w/ meat sauce, shredded cheese, buttered corn, French bread & butter, jello w/ fruit, milk
Tuesday, May 8: Sliced turkey on bun, pickle chips, potato chips, sliced tomato on lettuce leaf, apple, milk
Wednesday, May 9: Beef & cheese pizza on English muffin, buttered mixed vegetables, dessert, milk
Thursday, May 10: RELEASE DAY (out before lunch)
Friday, May 11: Fishburger on bun, tartar sauce, French fries, cole slaw, vanilla pudding, milk

Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

Senior Center Menu

5/7: Shepherd's pie, lettuce, blueberry crisp
5/8: Beef ribs, mashed potatoes, squash, cake
5/9: Turkey in patty shells, broccoli, bananas
5/10: Hamburg/tomato/noodle casserole, wax beans, jello
5/11: Clam chowder, toasted cheese sandwiches, fruit cocktail

Sunday, May 6th, there will be a Monte Carlo Whist at the Senior Center from 1 to 5 p.m.. Admittance will be 50¢ and prizes and refreshments will be provided.
On May 4th, Mrs. Blanche Letendre, chairman of the African Violets Club, will have an exhibition of some of their prize specimens at the Senior Center. Literature on how to take care of these lovely plants will be available. If you, too, find the African Violet a beautiful plant you will enjoy this exhibition. The show runs all day.
The oilpainting class of Mrs. Alice Hulse will have a three-day exhibition of the best paintings of all class members, from beginners to advanced. The show is Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 2, 3, and 4th.
May 2: Dr. Haynes' foot clinic.
May 17: Nurses foot clinic
May 1 and 15: Hypertension clinic



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Proclaiming the MDA weekend are from left to right: Town Manager Peter Caputo, Chet Nicora of Suburban Real Estate, Wade Chandler, and Town Council President Richard Theroux. photo by Jack Devine

Weekend in May Proclaimed For MDA

Wade Chandler, Suburban Real Estate's MDA coordinator, announces that Suburban Real Estate, an affiliate of Electronic Realty Associates, is making plans for its 1979 fund-raising efforts for the Fight Against Muscular Dystrophy.

The Agawam Town council

and Town Manager Peter Caputo have declared May 5th and 6th its "Weekend in May for MDA." Sales associates from ERA Suburban Real Estate and members of the Agawam High School track team will join in collections at local shopping centers on

Saturday, May 5th.

In a single day last year, ERA raised \$600,000 toward its final contribution of \$900,000 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This year it hopes to raise over \$1 million.

Chester J. Nicora, Jr., owner of ERA Suburban Real Estate, is the area ERA coordinator for this year's MDA drive.

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emphasized the change to the rural nature of Feeding Hills, increased traffic problems, and the need for greater services such as police and fire protection and DPW operations.

One resident of South Westfield Street drew loud applause with his statement that the "birth of Feeding Hills Commons will be the death of the Feeding Hills community."

Many in opposition questioned the legality of the newly-submitted covenant in binding future buyers to the plans presently proposed.

A motion was made to table the matter until Town Attorney Ollari could investigate the question of how binding the covenant is, but the motion was defeated 8-7.

Councilor Fieldstad then moved to pass the requested zone change, noting as he did so the intention that it be defeated. He explained, "I don't think anything of this scale should be built in Agawam until we can catch up on existing problems. We owe present residents many services and should not commit revenue to new projects."

After considerable debate from councilors both pro and con, Councilor Barnes voiced a charter objection which immediately stopped any further action on the matter at that time. According to procedure, at the first meeting in May, the zone change request will be put to a vote with no further discussion at all.



Nine month old Jason Devine could just be a budding Liberace. Jason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Devine of Agawam. photo by Jack Devine



Mailman Al Berard of Feeding Hills delivers mail on a sunny spring day.

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HCC Corale to Present Spring Concert

The annual spring concert by the Holyoke Community College Chorale will be presented Sunday evening, May 6, at 8:00 in the HCC Forum. The program is free and open to the public.

Under the direction of Juliet Dodge of the College's music faculty, the 20-voice ensemble will perform varied works that include traditional Russian folk songs, traditional American folk songs, Thompson's *Last Words of David*, Holst's *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*, and Brahms' *Liebesslieder* Waltzer.

Accompanist for the Chorale is Anna Nascembini of West Springfield, who is

also a member of the vocal group. She will be joined by Kevin Bresnahan of Holyoke to provide dual accompaniment for the Brahms work.

Soloists for the Holst work will be Kathleen Gonsalves of Barre and Michael Harrington of Westfield; soloists for the Russian works will be Marc Fuller of Holyoke and Kris Sanders of Southwick; and soloists for the American folk songs will be Roberto Sanchez of Holyoke, Lisa Gonzales of Modesto, California and Donna Dewey of Westfield.

Also rendering solo performances will be James Hebert and Peter Hicks of Holyoke, the former singing *The Impossible Dream* and



Mrs. Anthony Bonavita walks newest addition to the family, Carlo Francisco. The Bonavita's live on Arbor Lane in Agawam. photo by Jack Devine

the latter *O! Man River*.

In another part of the program, the seven-member HCC Chamber Singers, accompanied by Norma Turcotte of Agawam on harpsichord, will sing Renaissance madrigals and

English carols. Ms. Turcotte, a member of the Chorale as well, will also play Renaissance pieces on the harpsichord.

Rounding out the concert will be a piano duo, comprised of Jeanne Hegarty of Springfield and Marianne Gosselin of Chicopee, playing the Pavane from Morton Gould's American Symphonette.

Other members of the Chorale, who are mostly music majors living in the Lower Pioneer Valley are: John Clements of Springfield, Scott Cleveland of West Springfield, Keith Dorgan of Westfield, Lawrence DuLong of Granby, Mary Jo Mazzaferro of Springfield, John St. Onge of Easthampton, Matthew Stuart of Granby, and Sharon Thredgill of Holyoke.

The repertoire of the Chorale, which has been performing for churches, schools and private groups for 12 years, traditionally ranges from the classical through the folk and popular musical repertoires.

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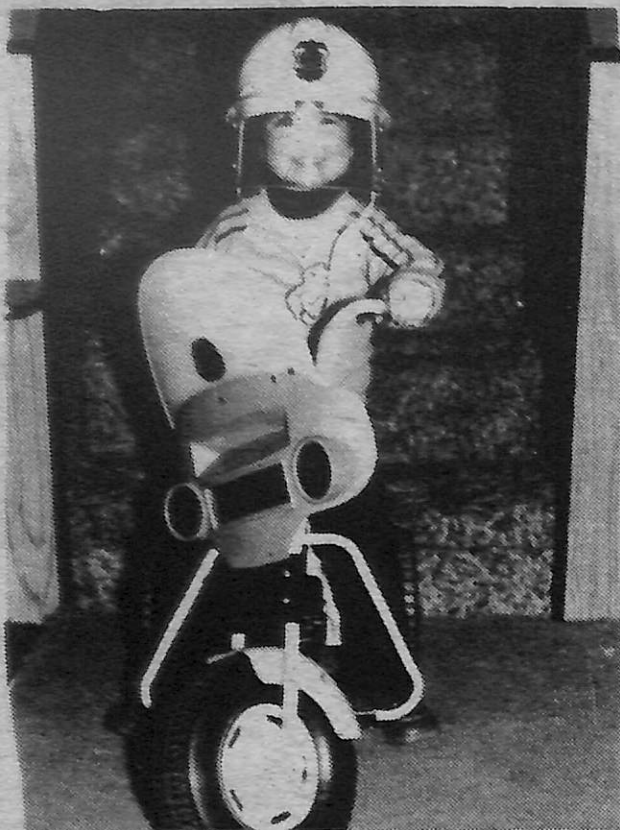
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Speeders Beware!!



Shaun O'Brien of Agawam patrols his neighborhood on his "traffic patrol" cycle. photo by Jack Devine

Heimlich Method Demonstrated

The Polish-American Club's Women's Auxiliary will sponsor a movie demonstrating the Heimlich method to prevent choking on May 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Polish-American Club, Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

Fire Chief Harry Schneider will show the film and then answer any questions from the audience. All men and women who are interested are encouraged to attend.

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Social



LaZazzera-Gosselin Wedding

On Saturday, April 21, 1979, at College of Our Lady of the Elms Chapel, Laurie Ann LaZazzera was married to Timothy James Gosselin. Father Richard Runte officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. LaZazzera of 107 Brien Street, Agawam.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rostkowski of 125 Kittell Street, Springfield.

Serving the couple as maid

of honor was Linda Turrini and as best man, Gary Ricciadi. A reception at Chez Josef followed the ceremony.

The bride is employed as a legal secretary for Bellucci and Howarth of Springfield. The groom is employed as a selector at Springfield Sugar and Products, Inc., Suffield.

The couple will reside in Agawam following a honeymoon trip to Barbados.

The Faolin Peirce School Parent-Teachers Organization cordially invites the people of Agawam to attend a reception in honor of Mr. Vincent Valentine, who will be celebrating twenty-five years of teaching at Peirce School.

This event will take place on Wednesday, May 16th, at 8:30 p.m. at Peirce School. Invited guest speakers are Town Manager Peter Caputo, Supt. of Schools Ernest Cannava, Andrew Bower, president of the Agawam Education Association; Miss Thelma Meedon, former

principal of Peirce School; Mrs. Barbara Skolnick, presently principal at Robinson Park School and formerly principal at Peirce; and Smith Rovelli, current principal at Peirce.

A gift from the PTO will be presented in appreciation of Mr. Valentine's many years of dedicated service both to the school and to its PTO.

Refreshments will be served, and all who may have had Mr. Valentine as a teacher or may have worked with him in any capacity are urged to attend.

Agawam Women Elected

Four Agawam women were elected to positions on the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council's board of directors at the council's annual meeting held April 25th at the Eastfield Mall Community Room. Betty Fanning, Deborah Harper, Florence Moran, and Joan Lamson will begin their terms on June 1st.

Elected to the office of first vice president was Betty Fanning of Parker Street. Her adult involvement in girl scouting is broad. She is presently the field chairperson and is completing a term as a member-at-large on the board of directors. Betty has co-chaired several girl scout events and has served as both troop consultant and cookie chairman for the community of Agawam.

Florence Moran, Deborah Harper, and Joan Lamson were each elected to positions as member-at-large. Florence is presently completing a term as vice president and has past girl scout involvements as both troop leader and bicentennial event chairman.

Deborah was a solicitor in the major gifts division of the Girl Scout Sustaining Membership Enrollment Campaign.

Joan, active as a girl scout for many years, is currently an assistant troop leader in Agawam.

These Agawam women join several other area men and women in setting future direction for the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council.

UNICO Breakfast Slated

Agawam UNICO will have their second annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, May 6th at the Agawam Middle School on Main Street with continuous serving from 8 to noon.

Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children and may be bought at the door or from members.

President Thomas Coppola is honorary chairman for this event, and Paul D'Amato and Anthony Bonavita are co-chairmen. James V. Bruno and Joe Masucci are in charge of tickets, Charles Calabrese and Joe DePalo are in charge of kitchen, and Paul Ferrarini will handle publicity. All proceeds will go to mental health.

Town Manager Peter Caputo will present a proclamation to members declaring the month of May to be in support of national fund drive to fight mental illness.

Fun Family Carnival Set for Robinson School

On Saturday, May 5th, the Robinson Park School PTO will be sponsoring its annual Fun Family Carnival from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As in the past, there will be several penny-carnival type games to play for children of elementary-school age or a little younger. Each of these games will award prizes, and the children will have many opportunities to win easily.

Along with the games, this year there will be a booth selling at a very nominal price used children's books as well as adult paperbacks and recent issues of popular magazines. This booth has been set up particularly to

encourage children - and adults, too! - to read more.

A booth selling small hand-crafted items will also be organized to enable children to purchase inexpensive Mother's Day gifts which they can pick out on their own.

Popcorn and cold drinks will be sold throughout the day, and between the lunchtime hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., grinders and sandwiches will also be available for purchase.

Remember to set the date of May 5th aside for the whole family to attend this fun-filled event, play games, eat lunch, and thoroughly enjoy themselves!

Historical Association Meeting

The annual meeting of the Agawam Historical Association will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church parish hall on Tuesday, May 22 at 8 p.m. a dinner preceding the business meeting will take place at 6:30 for the price of \$4.50. Reservations must be paid for in advance and may be made with Maude Woodbury, 724 Main Street no later than May 13.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Barbara Hedges, vice president and program chairman, will present Wesley B. Reed of Woodstock, Connecticut, featuring "Music from the Attic," a program displaying unique musical instruments acquired and restored by the speaker.

Shirley M. Goss, president, issues a cordial invitation to all interested town residents to join in the activities of the association.

Lay Witness Mission

On May 4, 5, & 6th, the Agawam United Methodist Church will hold a Lay Witness Mission. The theme is "A Walk With The Lord."

Witnesses will be coming from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Connecticut to share their experiences in their walk with the Lord. This is a faith-deepening experience.

The program will begin on May 4th at 6:30 p.m. and continue through May 6th. The community is invited. For further information, call Ruth or Doc Ashline after 5:30 at 786-9084.

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Macaroni Supper Planned

The annual Macaroni Supper to benefit St. Anthony of Padua Church sponsored by the Holy Rosary Society will take place on May 9th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School.

The menu will consist of macaroni with meat sauce, meatballs, salad, homemade

cake, and coffee.

Committee members for this event are Frances Fagnani, chairman; Frances Wescott, tickets; Dorothy Pilegi, kitchen; Delores Vinesett, desserts; and Dolores Gatti and Eva Nascembeni, dining hall.

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Mrs. Ruth Dempsey Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mrs. Ruth H. Dempsey of Feeding Hills, celebrated her 90th birthday on April 8, 1979. She was guest of honor at a family gathering at the home of her son, Robert E. Dempsey.

Mrs. Dempsey has two sons Robert E., and Bradford of Centerville, Virginia, and a daughter, Pauline E. Hardy of Greenville, Rhode Island. She has ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Dempsey's husband, Earl F. Dempsey, was a World War I veteran, a member of the American Legion and was instrumental in forming the Edward Pease Post in Wilbraham.

Mrs. Dempsey was born in New Boston, New Hampshire in 1889. She attended the Brian Straton College in Boston. She is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Barnstable, Mass.

Jr. Women to Attend Convention

A delegation of eight women from the Agawam Junior Women's Club will attend the annual convention of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership, on Saturday, May 5, at the Holiday Inn in Burlington, Mass.

Events of the day will include a panel discussion and question/answer segment with Dr. Roberta Guzzetta speaking on Parent Education, Ms. Sarah Benet discussing Adolescent Depression and Suicide, and Ms. Sheila Barry speaking on Finding the Family Center. At the Awards Luncheon, citations and awards will be presented.

Prior to the evening banquet, the processional will include the MSFWC State President, the Director of Junior Membership, Junior 14th District Representative (Mrs. Charlotte Venturini of Agawam), Junior Nominating Committee (including Mrs. Diana Willard of

Agawam), Junior Department Chairpersons (including Mrs. Nancy Rosner of Agawam), Junior Club Presidents for the coming year (including Mrs. Barbara O'Connor of Agawam).

Mrs. Rita Bluteau, Mrs. Judi Lech, Mrs. Aprille Soderman, Mrs. Penny Stone will also attend to represent the Agawam Juniors at this convention.

Mrs. Barbara O'Connor was installed as the president of the Agawam Juniors for 1979-80 at their annual banquet held on April 24th at Storowton.

The following executive board members were elected unanimously to serve: Mrs. Aprille Soderman, 1st vice president; Mrs. Alexis Ferioli, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Judi Lech, recording secretary; Mrs. Terry Brettmen, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Laurel Malerba, treasurer; Mrs. Janet Willett, programs; Mrs. Gail Beaulieu, newsletter; and Mrs. Rita Bluteau, public relations.

Library Happenings For May

Throughout this month, library staff will be escorting nursery and elementary school classes through the library, introducing the children to all the services available to townspeople.

Other happenings coming up will be as follows:

Saturday, May 5: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Film and Fun Story Hour for elementary school aged children.

Wednesday, May 9th: 7:30

p.m. program for home gardeners. Tom Burnickas of the Hampden County Extension Service will present some slides and a discussion focusing on organic gardening and succession planting.

Thursday, May 31st: 7:30

p.m. local author/artist Jim Tralease will host an entertaining and enjoyable program for parents and teachers on sharing books with children.

Something Old; Something New

by Charles Duclos

It wasn't a wedding invitation that drew our attention to Agawam High School last Sunday, rather it was the Flea Market, conducted by the Agawam High Band Parents. Co-chaired by Joe and Janet Tortoriello with an assist from Ed LeCour, the event was held on the school's grounds and drew a large crowd of bargain hunters.

Eva Nascembeni and Jerry Fogg manned (or womanned if you prefer) the concession stand, which held delectable treats prepared by parents of band members.

Darcy Davis and his group performed a concert for those in attendance, and the annual event seemed to be well received by all. Some of the proceeds will be used to defray expenses when the band travels to the Invitational Band Jamboree in Wildwood, New Jersey next month (May). This meet will include a jazz band concert, a parade, field competition, and a color guard review.

Sunday's program was just another worthwhile undertaking on a great weekend of activities in our town - AGAWAM.

Jr. Women to Sell Corsages for Mom's Day

As one of the Agawam Junior Women's Club fund-raising projects of the coming year, the Club will be selling corsages on May 10, 11, and 12 at the Agawam Food Mart. These corsages will be handmade by club members of silk carnations, priced at \$2.25 and are just in time for a special Mother or Grandmother on Mother's Day, May 13.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a non-profit organization that directs all proceeds from fund-raisers into civic or special projects in the Agawam area. During the past Club year, fund-raising monies have provided scholarships to Agawam High School Seniors, playground equipment for Wade Park,

crossing guard signs for each of the public schools, record player/albums for the new Town Library, and donations to various charities.

The Juniors are a member of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of the United States. Membership in the local chapter is open throughout the year to young women, over 18, interested in servicing the community, making new friends, while experiencing a significant contribution towards the civic and cultural interests of the women of our town. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alexis Ferioli, 786-3271.

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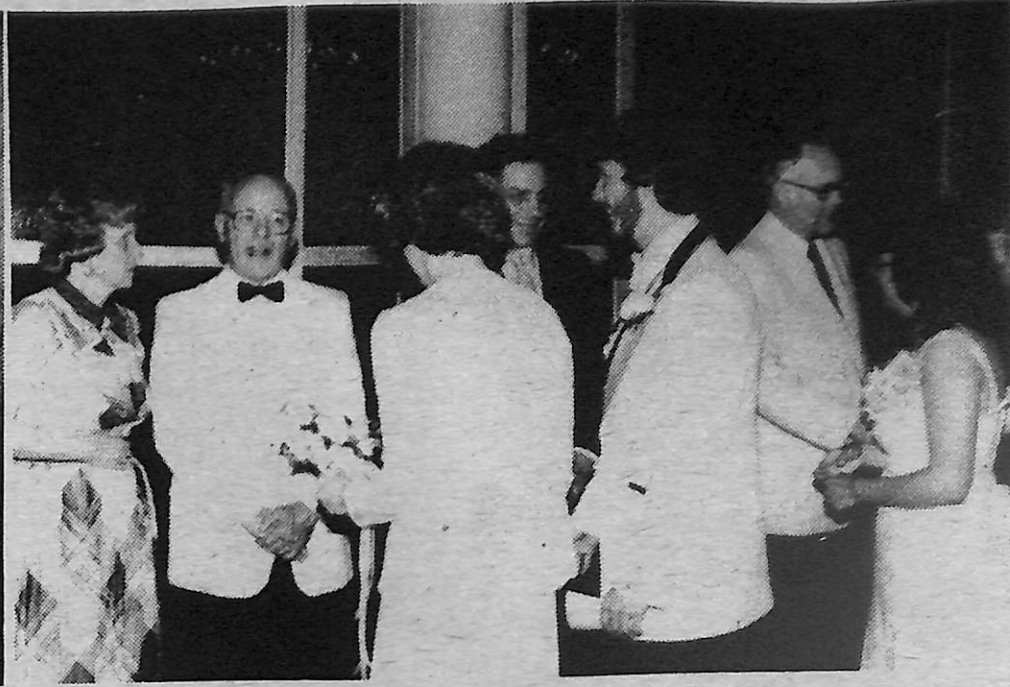


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The Prom....School's Almost Over



Attending the Agawam High School Prom were from left: Mark Olson, Nancy Masi, Kathy Puskey, and Ed Frighetto. photo by Jack Devine



The reception line at the prom included Mr. and Mrs. David Theodorowicz and Mr. James Bruno. photo by Jack Devine

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The Western Mass. Division, American Heart Association in conjunction with the West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis Club and the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, M.G. Martin Agency, will sponsor the first annual National Run For Life Day on Saturday, May 19th. This "Fun Run" will begin at 10:30 a.m. from the parking lot at 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield (home of the M.G. Martin Agency) and will cover a 5.7 mile distance through West Springfield and Agawam.

The Run For Life Day is an opportunity for people of all ages and running or jogging

abilities to get out and support the Heart association. It is not a race, but rather a run just for the fun of it. All proceeds raised from the race will benefit the research and programs of the Heart Association in its fight against the nation's number one killer, heart disease.

Applications for the run may be obtained at various sporting goods stores in the Greater Springfield area, at Stop and Shop, and at the Heart Office at 85 Oakland Street, Springfield.

For further information, call the Heart Office at 732-4121 or the M.G. Martin Agency at 733-4116.

Pre-Season Tennis Clinic

The Agawam Family Outdoor Center, a facility of the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA, will conduct a special Pre-Season Tennis Clinic beginning Saturday, April 28th and running for six Saturdays.

The courts will be open for your use from 10 a.m. to noon. A total of 1½ hours of lessons is included, spread over the six week period, provided by Rudy Altobelli.

Cost is \$10 per person, 16 years of age and over only. Anyone wishing to join the Family Center for the summer may apply the cost of the clinic to their membership. Summer memberships are \$95 per family; \$60 per individual adult.

If you are interested in the Tennis Clinic or summer membership, please call the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA at 739-6951, ext. 252 and ask for Vi Hammond.

Skating Show Slated

The Skating Club of Springfield will present its 6th annual Spring exhibition on Saturday, May 12 at West Springfield's Olympia Skating Rink.

Showtime for Stars on Skates is 7:30 p.m. with group productions and solo numbers depicting Broadway and popular music themes.

The show will feature club members; area skaters, aged 6-25; and three Boston area skaters as guest stars.

Sheryl Franks and Michael Botticelli of the Boston Skating Club, World competitors for the past three years, were Eastern Pairs gold medalists '77-'79 and received bronze medals for U.S. National Senior Pairs '77-'79. Also appearing will be '79 National Junior Men's competitor Timothy Murphy, also from the Boston Skating Club.

Wildflower Sale Planned

The third annual Wildflower Sale sponsored by the Naturalists' Club will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Crane Park, junction of Main and Springfield Streets, Wilbraham.

A large variety of common and rare wildflowers will be offered, including yellow and pink Lady's Slippers, various Trilliums, Dutchman's-breeches, rare Double Bloodroot, Cardinal flower, and many more. All plants are potted and labeled, and free cultural sheets will be provided.

Heritage Hall Recognizes Volunteers

The volunteers from Heritage Hall Nursing Home were presented with awards last Thursday night at the third Volunteer Recognition Banquet held in the West Building of the three-building complex.

A smorgasbord dinner toasted the volunteers for their helpful work throughout the year.

The volunteers' main duties are to assist and contribute time with the activity personnel at the nursing home along with assisting residents with various programs such as Dutch shuffleboard, bingo, and bowling.

Each volunteer received a personalized certificate of recognition signed by Richard L. Circosta, administrator of Heritage Hall Nursing Home.

The recently-named Volunteer Coordinator is Karen LaPlante. Any individual wishing to do volunteer work at Heritage hall should contact her at 786-8000.

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In the proclamation, the Town Council urges all citizens of Agawam to give their wholehearted support to the breakfast project. The proceeds will be donated by the Agawam Chapter of UNICO to the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health and to the Hampden County Society for Retarded Children.

Jazz Band Travels to New Jersey

On May 5th, The Agawam Jazz-Rock Ensemble will be traveling to Paramus, New Jersey to attend the All Eastern Vocal Jazz Festival. Twenty groups will be participating in the festival. Guest conductors will work with the groups on a variety of performance techniques.

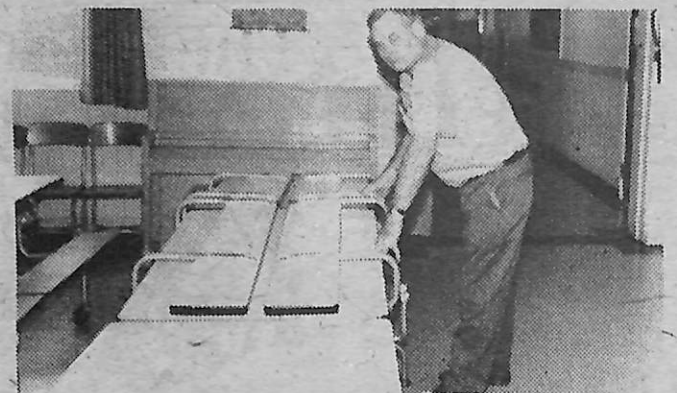
The ensemble is comprised of thirty-five Junior and Senior High students, who rehearse one evening a week under the direction of Mr. Files. On March 6th, the Ensemble travelled to the State Jazz Competition in Norwood, Mass. and most recently performed at the Enfield Mall with the High School Jazz Band.

Scout Council Offers Wilderness Adventure For Girls

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Girls who have in June completed grade six through twelve are invited to participate. Base camp is located in East Otis at Camp Bonnie Brae and spaces are limited to ten adventurers in each trek. Detailed information is available from the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council office (734-3159). Non scouts are invited and welcome.



School Custodian Ed Hottin prepares cafeteria for lunch at Peirce School. photo by Jack Devine

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Nikki waits behind the wheel for the return of his master. photo by Jack Devine

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police department recently had to request aid from the West Springfield police department to control a fight which erupted at a party in Agawam. The officer assigned to the party called for help after a series of fights broke out in a crowd of three hundred. The responding three officers were not able to contain the crowd and the West Springfield police department was called to assist. Nine West Springfield police officers were able to assist and the crowd was soon dispersed. During this time there was no available police officer in Agawam for patrol work or answering other calls.

Chmielewski claims that the additional four men he is requesting will help eliminate some of the problems due to the shortage of man-power on the Agawam police department.

He stated, "Each man is now stretched to the point where the department's effectiveness is diluted. We need the tools to work with in order to serve the community effectively, and the two most important tools are effective laws and adequate man-power to enforce these laws. We need the four additional men not only for the safety of my own officers, but to better serve the community of Agawam."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I would like to address the following to the Councillors who commented on the Bonavita zone change in the April 17th and 24th issues of the Agawam Advertiser. This is rebuttal on comment on their remarks, and is addressed to each individual Councillor. Our purpose in answering the Councillors is to correct certain misstatements and misconceptions.

HERD:

Relative to abutters to the Bonavita proposed shopping mall, they all purchased homes in the area with an existing shopping mall across the street as well as an industrial park in the same area.

If you had taken time to examine the submitted plans you would have been aware of the proposed landscape buffer zones around the shopping mall.

Apparently you do not have much confidence in the Agawam Conservation Commission because all plans for development such as this, must be submitted to them for their approval. About effects of a retention pond on downstream property owners, it would help alleviate existing problems. There has been downstream flooding caused by upstream runoff and the proposed retention pond would not only take care of water from the new mall, but would also hold back water from the existing mall.

In regard to traffic, Agawam's Safety Officer saw no problems and private surveys agree with this. You were on the Council when previous zone change requests were made and these private traffic surveys were submitted and again had you taken the necessary time to study them, you would probably not bring up this question, which is mute!

CINCOTTA:

The people purchasing new homes in the area were never told that there would not be business at the north end of this 100 acres. Homes on Silver Street were well aware of the fact that the corner was zoned business and that a shopping center was located across the street and that the Bonavita shopping mall would have been further distant from their homes than the present shopping center.

LADUZENSKI:

Your concern about Municipal Supportive Services would not have been a factor in your vote had you taken the time and trouble to read reports from Agawam's Town Engineer, where he indicated in writing that there was adequate sewer and water. Additionally, the Fire Chief found no problem in the area relative to adequate water and water pressure. As for your concern for the shopping mall across the street, we were not aware that it was the province of Municipal government to restrict competition.

MCNAMARA:

Apparently, you are not too familiar with zoning laws and town procedure when you state that the Council was not asked to vote on the shopping center but on the zone change. There is no provision in state law or town ordinance for either the Planning Board or Council to vote on a development—they are only empowered to vote on a change of zone. A plan of the area was submitted to the Planning Board, however, building plans and renderings were not submitted at the time of this last request, primarily due to the fact that on previous requests for zone changes, plans, renderings, building layout and names of lessees were given. At the time of this last zone change request, the developer stated that in the past he had many problems due to releasing the names of respective lessees and did not wish to divulge names prior to the granting of the zone change.

If you had any questions, we would have been happy to answer them at the time of the hearing before the Council.

FIELDSTAD:

Again, regarding the shopping mall across the street, when has it been the province of Municipal Government to restrict or regulate competition? Also, from the standpoint of the Town we feel it is better to keep business where it is already established rather than have it scattered from one spot to another throughout the town. It is also sound to keep business in one area from a merchandising standpoint because increased traffic benefits the area as a whole—both old and new.

There is no swamp on any of the land within the requested zone change and again Mr. Fieldstad, you apparently have little confidence in the Agawam Conservation Commission because they must approve all plans for a development of this nature and they have a sworn duty to protect wetlands. Historically the flow of water from upstream needs controlling and a retention pond or basin would not only control upstream water but runoff from the new development which would alleviate downstream flooding and had you taken the time to study the engineering submitted with previous zone change requests you would see this to be a fact.

As for increased traffic, both public and private studies have found no problem with this. Mr. Fieldstad, you have just not done your homework on this zone change proposal. What you have done, because of personal bias, is to take an emotional approach to the matter as has been your custom on this and other matters coming before the Council in the past.

DEFORGE:

About the qualifications of the proponents of this zone change, as a lifelong resident of Agawam, you should be aware that Mr. Bonavita successfully managed the so called Bridge Shopping Center at the corner of Springfield and Suffolk Streets for about 12 years. Additionally, he owns and developed a smaller shopping center at 430 Main Street. These successful ventures speak for themselves as well as the substantial amount of residential building which Mr. Bonavita has done in the Town of Agawam. Mr. DeForge we agree with you that it is desirable to have "tied down" leases from reputable concerns. On three previous occasions we have had leases and or firm commitments from national concerns through national developers, however, to properly prepare and submit plans, renderings

and schematics costs anywhere from \$5,000 to \$50,000. On one of our previous zone change requests the developer expended in excess of \$45,000 for the preparation of plans, engineering and so forth, to present to the council. The reaction we received from developers on this last zone change request, was that due to Agawam's unstable political climate and due to the Councils adverse reaction to any well planned development that they would in no way expend any further funds for proposals to the Planning Board and or Council. We still have national developers interested in this site, if and when it is ever zoned for business.

BARTNIK:

First, any houses in that area recently purchased were bought with full knowledge of the existing shopping mall and the existing Industrial Park. Secondly, it is a known fact that the more stores there are in a given area creates increased shopping, therefore, benefiting old as well as new business.

COLLI: PALEOLOGOPOULOS: THEROUX:

In rebuttal to your reasons for voting against the Bonavita shopping mall, we would refer you to our remarks addressed to Mr. Laduzenski and Mr. Fieldstad. We feel we have amply answered your reasoning for voting against the mall.

SERRA:

We appreciate your taking the position that you would like to take a second look at the proposed Bonavita shopping mall, however, as a servant of the Town, we feel it would have been appropriate on your part to examine the matter thoroughly at the time the proposal first came before the Council. It often happens in matters of this nature that there may be no second chance. Each decision made by the Council on matters such as this are of utmost importance to the Town as a whole and should not be capriciously dismissed or hastily passed.

ROBERTS:

We feel that you are to be commended from abstaining from voting on the Bonavita shopping mall. At least you were willing to take a position and to stand up and be counted.

LANDERS:

Relative to your reasons for voting against the Bonavita shopping mall because as you say, it was vaguely presented. We would address your attention to our rebuttal to the position taken by Mr. DeForge.

BARNES:

We feel you are to be commended on your "yes" vote in favor of the Bonavita shopping mall. We feel it was a vote for all of the people in Agawam rather than scattered pressure groups.

We are much impressed with your remarks elsewhere in the April 24th issue of the Agawam Advertiser relative to the importance of establishing a tax base from commercial enterprises in the town.

In conclusion, we feel that there are Councillors who have voted on these zone changes that were in a direct conflict of interest.

It seems to us that the Agawam Town Council has not come to grips with the needs of the Town as a whole. It has been pulled and swayed by small pressure groups, who have only their own private interests at stake.

It would also seem the Town Council itself feels a sense of security, that is, no harm can come about to the town by taking a negative rather than a positive approach to all matters which come before that body. This fact is evidenced by reasons given by each councilor in their negative vote to the shopping mall. Their negative reasons are really unjustifiable and empty excuses.

As residents and taxpayers in Agawam, we feel strongly that Agawam's tax base must be broadened, that business and industry must be encouraged—not discouraged and that an atmosphere conducive to reasonable and sensible development should be created.

Carlo F. Bonavita

To the Editor:

My Goodness! Aren't we jumping to conclusions. Maybe we are feeling a little guilty?

Leonard P. Rising, Jr. wrote an article which appeared in the April 10th edition of the *Agawam Advertiser*. The letter first pointed out that our Police Department is well-trained to operate the town ambulance; secondly, the Fire Department now operates the ambulance in compliance with the McCan survey; and thirdly, the reduction in police personnel is justified according to the recommendation of the McCan Survey since the responsibility of the ambulance is now in the hands of the Fire Department.

Mr. Rising also suggests that the Police Department budget does not allow for additional patrolmen, but damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!

Now how about those people who jump to their own

conclusions? On April 17th, three letters appeared in the *Agawam Advertiser* in response to Mr. Rising's letter. In all three cases, written by Donald E. Loncto, Dorothy D. Nardi, and Norman J. Nardi, they avoid the issue and address themselves to personal attacks on Mr. Rising.

In response to Training Officer Donald E. Loncto's letter, Mr. Rising never said there was a "lack" of need for more police personnel. Loncto also said he believes Mr. Rising is bitter because he is back in uniform and has nothing to do with the ambulance. What does that have to do with the Town Councilors inconsistent behavior in compliance with the McCan Survey? Mr. Rising never suggested that the town wasted \$20,000 training police personnel as EMT's. I would suggest Mr. Loncto check his information on the fee he indicated Mr. Rising received for being an

From The Editors Desk

By Pat Guevin



I hope you are enjoying this issue as much as we enjoyed putting it together. We travelled around town and tried to take pictures of Agawam people doing the things they like to do best. Our theme is "Our Hometown" and we tried to get a good sampling of Agawam's citizens. In future issues we will be doing more of the same, for we feel that it is important to spotlight those who don't make the news along with those who do.

Don't forget our weekly drawings for the Red Sox baseball tickets. The first drawing will be held on May 8th and the winner will be notified and announced in the paper. All subscribers are eligible, so if you have already subscribed, don't worry, we've submitted your name for you. If you don't presently subscribe, fill in the coupon on page 20 and mail it today—you could be one of our lucky winners!!!

REQUEST FOR BIDS

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LEGAL NOTICE

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"a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being designated as Lots 3 (three) and 4 (four) both as shown on the plan entitled "Agawam, Mass., Plan of Lots for Tobacco Farms Company" dated February 14, 1974 as recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 150, Page 9, said lots being bounded and described in one parcel as follows:

WESTERLY, by South West Street, as shown on said plan, by an irregular line, Two Hundred Forty Two and 00/100 (242.00) feet;

NORTHERLY, by Lot 2 (two) as shown on said plan, Two Hundred Forty Six and 66/100 (246.66) feet;

EASTERLY, by land of owners unknown by an irregular line, Three Hundred Thirteen and 61/100 (313.61) feet; and

SOUTHERLY, by land now or formerly of Gerald Salkowsky, by an irregular line, Three Hundred Fifty Six and 92/100 (356.92) feet.

Being the same premises conveyed to us by Chester J. Nicora, Jr. by deed to be recorded in said Registry of deeds herewith.

Including as part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings at any time placed upon said premises and all elevators, pipes, oil burners, furnaces, heaters, hot water heaters, ranges, refrigerators, refrigerating apparatus,

plumbing, gas and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, storm doors and windows, mantels, shades, awnings, and all other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present or hereafter installed in or on the granted premises which renders such articles usable in connection therewith so far as the same are or can be agreement of parties be made a part of the realty."

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding municipal taxes, tax titles, assessment or liens, if any. One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) will be required to be paid in cash, bank check, or certified check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money; other terms to be announced at the sale.

WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK
by Thomas J. Howard, Jr.
Its Trustee

Westfield, MA
April 11, 1979
Scharoff and Smith, P.C., Attorneys

Published: April 17, 1979, April 24, 1979, and May 1, 1979

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received for the Department of Parks and Recreation fireworks display until May 10, 1979, at 10:00 A.M. at the office of the Director of Parks and Recreation, Administration Building Annex, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Mass., at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and all bid prices read aloud. Proposal form and specifications may be obtained at the office of the Director of Parks and Recreation. The Town Manager reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

John W. Kunasek
Director of Parks and Recreation
May 1, 1979

instructor. Mr. Rising's letter does not suggest that the police will not be able to answer emergency calls. As you remember, police officers are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I believe most citizens realize this.

In response to Dorothy D. Nardi's letter, how did the writing of a letter concerning the facts surrounding a survey be so detrimental to the policemen and the Town of Agawam? At no time does Mr. Rising suggest that we need less policemen, which is the main issue you have addressed your letter to. Exactly what are your responding to? Dorothy, maybe the child has club feet and the crop is crabgrass!

In response to President of the Agawam Police Patrolmen's Association (A.P.P.A.) Norman J. Nardi's letter, first of all, Mr. Rising never mentioned in his letter that he is a police officer; he wrote his letter as a concerned citizen of this town. The popularity in town as a police officer should not conflict with the freedom to express his views in a local newspaper. Secondly, you wrote that Mr. Rising did not use your name nor the name of your organization. Why do

you have to define Leonard P. Rising, Jr. as a police officer, not a citizen? If his views were those of the A.P.P.A., it would seem that he would address himself as a member of the police department and the association. It is your statement that you do not believe that Mr. Rising offered his true opinion on the subject. Were you stating the official view of the A.P.P.A. since you have indicated that you are the president of this organization? Mr. Nardi, your last paragraph is only a personal slander which does not respond to the issues in Mr. Rising's letter. How do your statements disprove the inconsistencies indicated by Mr. Rising? Maybe you would find that one of your first three sentences applies to you.

Unfortunately, the conclusion drawn by these concerned citizens are either Mr. Rising was acting out of bitterness or trying to undermine the effectiveness of the Police Department. I hope they will reread Mr. Rising's letter and concern themselves only with its contents.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard D. Willett Jr.
Only Citizens



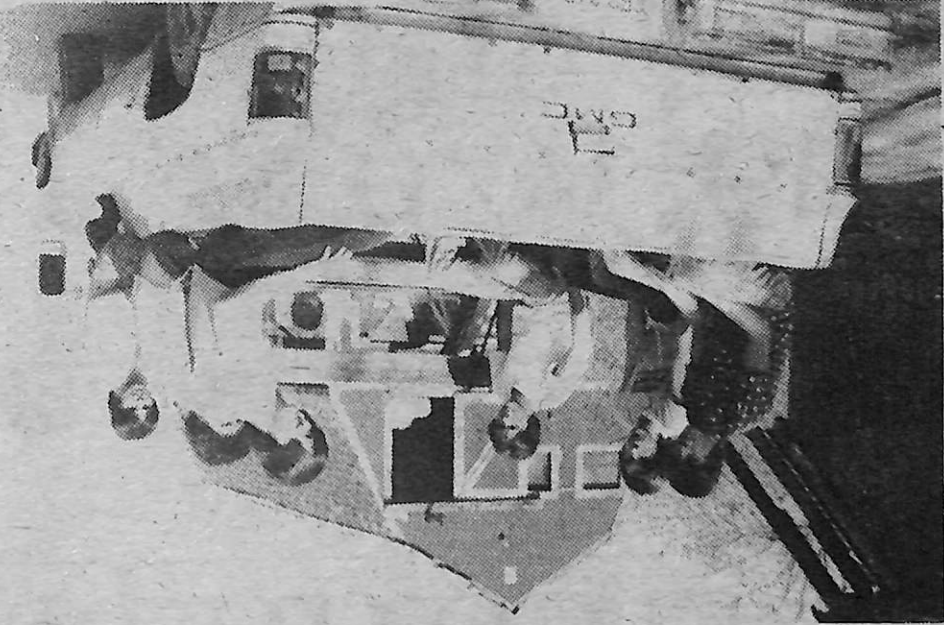
Enjoying the sun and shade on a lovely spring day was Gordon Stone, left, and Sherman Smith. photo by Jack Devine



Big girls like Mary Donovan like riding their bikes on sunny spring days.....



....and so do little girls like Victoria Kimberly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Cincotta of Feeding Hills.



These boys at Brown's farm in Feeding Hills took advantage of the sun after school to take an open-air ride. They are (from left, clockwise): Kevin Buchanan, Bob Lancour, Sean Rogers, Jeff Bergin, Bill Cheetham, and Sean O'Connor. photo by Jack Devine

"I.E.P. - What Does It Stand For?"

On Tuesday, May 8, 1979, Sally Vollinger, Educational Specialist from the Springfield Regional Education Center, will speak on "I.E.P. - What Does It Stand For?" She will define the procedures for writing an Individual Educational Plan for your child, as well as discuss what constitutes a good I.E.P., how a parent can know what it all means and how parents can know what testing or retesting to request. Barbara Stouenbourg, Early Childhood Consultant from the Springfield Regional Education Center, will speak on "It's Never Too Soon - Early Childhood Issues in Special Education". She will discuss the importance of early identification in

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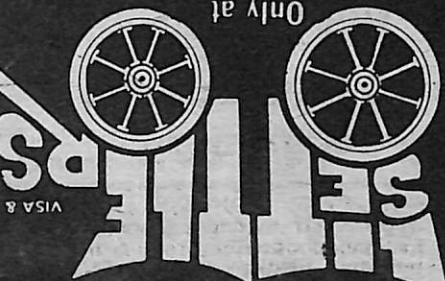
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Sports



Members of the Agawam Girls JV Softball team are pictured before a recent game. From left to right, front row: Laurie Russo, Sandy Leal, Leah Wylie, Lori Woodruff and Terri Stenta. Back row, same order: Coach Denise Cardina, Lori Harvey, Jenny Hopkins, Angela Ross, Laurie Placanico, Paulette Girard, and Assistant Coach Paulette Lavoie. photo by Jack Devine

Soccer Tryouts Announced

The Agawam Soccer Association will be holding tryouts for the Pioneer Valley League at the high school on the rear field off Line Street on May 19th at 1:30 p.m.

This will be the last chance to sign up for the Pioneer Valley League. Rain date will be May 26th. All coaches interested in coaching for the Pioneer Valley are asked to attend tryouts.

Teams will be based upon the number of participants in each age group. All participants who do not make Pioneer Valley are still eligible to play on the Inner-City League.

There will be another sign-up for the Inner-City League in June. Further details will be announced.

Since this is a new venture for the Agawam Soccer Association's entrance into the Pioneer Valley League, close attention will be paid to the results and success of this first year.

An important coaches meeting for both Pioneer Valley and Inter-City will be held on Sunday, May 27th, at the Agawam Youth Center at 7 p.m. All interested in coaching are urged to attend.

Piranhas Additional Signups

Did you miss the A.A.A. Piranhas swim team sign-ups? If so, you have a second chance. Fifty swimmers have already signed up for the summer season; however, there's plenty of room left for swimmers ages 5 to 18.

This is not a learn-to-swim program. A member of the team should be at least able to swim the length of the pool without waterwings. If a child is capable of doing this, the coaching staff can smooth out the rough edges and work on various strokes.

Membership in the swim team in no way interferes with participation in other A.A.A. sponsored sports as there are no time conflicts.

Sign-ups will be at the home of Swim Commissioner Rod Richardson at 28 Pleasant Drive (off North St., almost directly opposite Dairy Mart) on Saturday, May 5th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you cannot make this sign-up time, but are still interested, contact either Rod at 786-2952 or bring your child to the first practice to be held at the Junior High pool

STOCK CAR RACES

By Larry Bouchard



Troyer Takes Sizzler

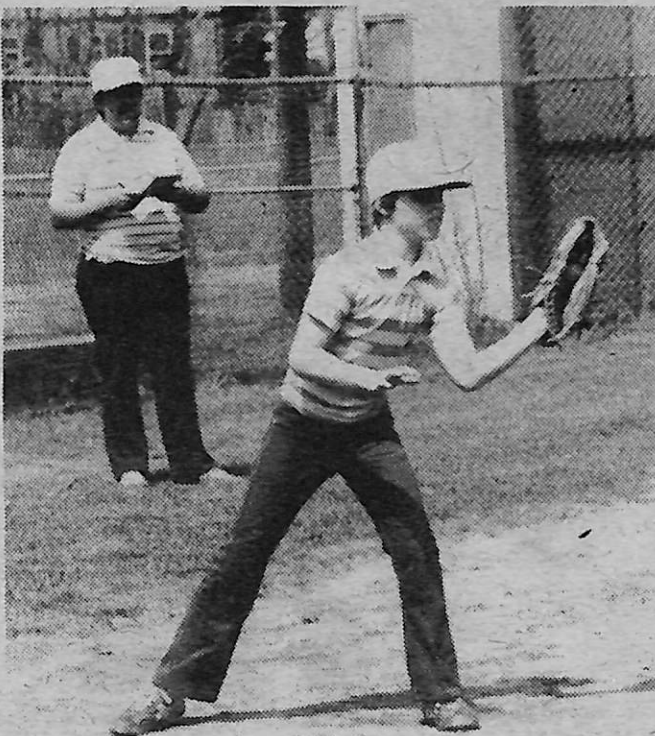
Maynard Troyer from Rochester, New York, made it three in a row at Stafford by taking the Eighth Annual Spring Sizzler before 10,200 chilly fans. For Troyer, who will take home \$4,500 for his efforts, took the lead on Lap 17 as he passed Bouchard for second. On the following lap he passed Bobby Vee in the Busch sponsored arrow for the lead.

There were a total of five restarts. The first yellow flag came out on Lap 22 when a car spun on turn 2. By Lap 25, there were 24 cars running. Several cars pulled in because of overheating problems. On Lap 35 in turn 3 and 4 three cars tangled with severe damage to two of the cars. On the yellow, Bouchard and Rosati, who were running second and fourth at the time, pulled in to change tires. On the restart it was Troyer, Cleary, and

George Summers. Bouchard and Rosati had to start tail-end on the restart.

On Lap 50 Troyer had a 7 car lead on Bugs Stevens, who passed Cleary for second, but on Lap 52, Bugs pulled in with overheating problems. By Lap 58, Bouchard took over second spot after starting at the tail end of the pack. Rosati, who was running 5th on Lap 60 pulled in with overheating problems which ended his day. On Lap 68 Summers and Stan Gregor spun out to bring another yellow flag out. On the restart it was Troyer, Bouchard, Flemke, Ken Bouchard, and Bob Polverari.

The regular Friday night racing program will start on May 4th at 8:00 p.m. So plan to attend the fastest sport in the world, at the fastest track in New England - Stafford Motor Speedway, Stafford Springs, Connecticut. See you May 4th for the opener.



First baseman Mike Stassen practices while team manager Bob Desimone looks on. photo by Jack Devine



Bob Alves, catcher concentrates on the ball. photo by Jack Devine



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Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba



Mark and Lance Poirer are still looking for their first big laker in Quabbin. They have been diligently fishing many of the methods used by the experts who take large lakers regularly. Mark and Lance have no trouble with the browns at Congamond. They both have taken 3 to 4 pound fish this year. Otis is their next target. Wish you luck, boys.

The wife and I fished Laurel Lake this week and boated four small brown trout. In fact, the fish we have caught this year have all been very small. We are looking forward to latching onto our first good 14-inch rainbow. All reports say that fish of "that size" have been stocked this year.

New Hampshire Regs

Many Agawam anglers journey to New Hampshire every year for salmon fishing in "Big winnie." The procedure was to go to a marina and purchase a boat registration plate. It won't be so simple from now on.

New boat regulations were enacted by the General Court recently. A boat tax was imposed on all privately-owned boats except canoes, kayaks, rowboats, sailboats, and other boats less than 10 feet in length. These exceptions (over 10 feet in length) must also pay the tax if they are propelled by a motor. Boats taxed in another state will not be taxed in New Hampshire if a receipt proving payment for the current year is presented at the time of the registration. The minimum is \$5.00.

Boat registration plates may be obtained at several locations throughout New Hampshire. The minimum registration fee is \$8.50. Registration fees and taxes shall be paid when the boat is registered.

Apple Growers Happ

The EPA has approved the use of a natural bacterium as a pest control for "crown gall," a serious plant disease that kills or weakens fruit trees by causing cancer-like growths on their roots and stems. The bacterium occurs naturally in soils and certain water supplies. It is not normally present in sufficient numbers to prevent crown gall disease, which causes \$2-3 million damage annually. The bacterium causes no risk to humans and animals. Such bio-control agents are attractive environmentally because they control target pests without harming beneficial insects, wildlife, or humans.

Bowmen Tournament

The Agawam Bowmen Club will hold its second barebow archery tournament of 1979 on May 6th at the club grounds on the Agawam-southwick town line. Awards will be given in three classes in every division registered. Registration will start at 8 a.m. Refreshments will be available for archers and guests.

Roller Skating Invitational

On the 4th, 5th, and 6th of May, the 1979 (Riverside) ROLLAWAY ROLLER-SKATING INVITATIONAL will take place in their new home, "The ROLLAWAY located at 1755 Main St., Agawam, Ma.

Each year since 1973, Susan Maiolo, operator of the new rollerskating rink, has hosted a weekend rollerskating competition which draws in excess of 200 skaters from as far away as Virginia. Judges for the event will come from the Boston area, Conn., N.J., N.Y., and Va. In addition, approximately 400 spectators are expected to view the competition during the three days, and the skaters will be competing for top honors in 54 events.

The competition will open Friday evening with a practice session from 10:30 to Midnight. Saturday morning will be school figures starting at 6:00 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m. Following this will be various free style and dance skating events throughout the afternoon until 4:30 p.m., when the regular public skating session will begin. Competition will resume at 10:30 p.m. and end at midnight.

The doors will open Sunday morning at 5:30 a.m. for a half hour of practice for the days competitors. School

figures will start at 6:00 a.m. and finish at 6:50 a.m. The rest of the morning and afternoon will be, again, free style and dance skating events. Admission for each competitive session is \$2.00 or \$4.00 for a meet pass which entitles you to attend all competitive sessions during the entire weekend.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three placements in each event. For further information regarding the ROLLAWAY ROLLER-SKATING INVITATIONAL, contact either Susan Maiolo, 786-9111 or rink professional Sylvia H. Haffke, 786-1111.

Rollerskating is one of the most popular participation sports in existence. The Olympic Committee has appointed a delegate from the National Rollerskating Organization. In July of this year, rollerskating will be represented for the first time at the Pan American Games, the final stepping stone before being accepted into the Olympics. The American should do well in the Pan Am

Games as they took 7 out of 12 top placements at the World Championships last year in Portugal. This same team will represent the USA at the Pan Am games this year.



Dave Champagne gets his arm ready for baseball season.
by Jack Devine

Free Workshop at YWCA

A free workshop on "Enjoying Myself and Getting Along With My Family" will be given by Dr. Warren Schumacher, Human Development Specialist with the Cooperative Extension Service, on Tuesday, May 8, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Springfield YWCA, 26 Howard St., Springfield. This session is a follow-up to Dr.

Schumacher's two previous workshops, but new people are welcome as well. The workshop is being co-sponsored by the Extension Service and the Springfield YWCA. Reservations are not required. The YWCA cafeteria will be open from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for lunch. The YWCA is a United Way Agency.

Welcome To My World

by Charles Duclos

Agawam AA Split

Soccer action Saturday saw coach Bill O'Brien's 13-14 boys' team dump Springfield's 16 Acres Lions by a score of 3-0. Paul Quartz racked up the first tally during the opening half of the game. Davey Jenks, continuing play for the third week in a row, followed Quartz's endeavor by giving his team a 2-zip lead at the half. During the second period, Jenks once again added to his goals by powering one into the net from about thirty feet out.

Coach O'Brien had praise for the teamwork displayed by all members of his squad. This was the third straight win.

Nice to see Dave Stratton, Bill's assistant, at the game even on crutches.

IOU Banks Agawam

Coach Doug Chevalier's 15-16 boys' soccer team just couldn't get their act together against a crafty and artful Indian Orchard United team, playing out of Springfield. IOU frustrated Agawam's efforts to win its third straight with a 4-1 defeat. The triple A's sole marker came from Jay Leamis late in the second half.

Agawam will be back to the drawing board on Monday afternoon and Coach Chevalier expects his team to be back in form for Thursday night's game against Nathan Bill. Not making any excuses for his team's performance, Chevalier pointed out that five of his players are on the injured list but should be well enough to play next week.

Memorial Day Soccer Series

Bill O'Brien is re-grouping the major part of his soccer team from last year to play in the Memorial Day Soccer series, being sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Soccer Association. The 13-14 girls squad started practices last Sunday for this upcoming event, which, if it is as exciting as last fall's tournament, will be a top-notch program.

Over 400 teams throughout the country have applied, according to O'Brien but only ten percent of that figure will compete.

Car Washes

A beautiful Saturday morning brought out the car wash signs, buckets, hawks, washers, pails, and lots and lots of water and cars for two day-long soap-suds stints. The Agawam High Varsity Baseball team conducted theirs at the Middle School. St. Anthony's 8th grade CCD class held theirs at St. Theresa's parking lot on Bridge Street. Both appeared to be successful by the number of cars that were taking advantage of good weather, low prices, and the handiworks of willing workers. Rosalie Napoli, Sharon Baldarelli, and Barbara Peterson supervised the activities of the St. Anthony group.

Paper Drive

Sacred Heart's Boy Scout Troop 75 took advantage Saturday to hold a paper drive fund-raising event. Busy around the collection area in the church's parking lot at various times of the day were

Scoutmaster Tom Tourville, Robbie Geiger, Paul Fontaine, Bud Hardy, Ray Foley, and Bob Josephson, committee chairman for all of the troop's events, as well as a host of young scouts.

Batter Up!!!

Coach Myrna Nickerson was putting her charges through their paces at the high school ball field on Saturday morning. These 10-12 lassies looked sharp during their drills of batting, throwing, running the bases, and other drills, conducted by the coach. They're all looking forward to the first game when they can put what they've learned to the test.

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Marching Along Together

by Charles Duclos



WALK 10 participants

Saturday morning saw approximately 250 young and not so young people participating in the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's 1979 fund raising walk-a-thon.

The WALK 10, as it is referred to by Reverend Paul Burns, the Association's director, carried the 6 to 15 year olds, who were the major walkers, throughout various

back to the starting point, where they were treated to cold refreshments.

Fr. Burns commented on the wonderful cooperative spirit, not only of the walkers, but also of the community in general for the assistance rendered, and for the care exercised by the automobile drivers as the walkers passed through various heavily travelled intersections.



These three walkers, Cathy O'Malley, Kelly Desmond and Karen Mazza, were among the 250 people to participate in WALK 10 to raise money for the Sacred Heart Athletic Association. photo by Jack Devine

sections of the town. Starting out at the Church's parking lot, the marchers, consisting of baseball, softball, basketball, and winter activities' participants, ultimately found their way

All are grateful to Police Chief Stan Chmielewski and his men for their vigilance and concern for the safety of the marchers and checkers.

Jaycees "Super Kids"

The Agawam Jaycees will host a local competition of the Jaycees Junior Athletic Championships program at the Agawam High School athletic field. Registration will be held at 9:00 a.m. with competition starting at 10:00 a.m.

The program, also known as "Super Kids", provides area youth between the ages of 8 and 16 with the opportunity to compete in five athletic events. Included are a 50 yard dash, broad jump, 880 yard run, shot put or softball throw, and an agility run.

Competition will be run in 8-10, 11-13, and 14-16 age groups, with boys and girls division. Entrants are required to have parental consent forms signed, and are required to pay an entry fee of \$5.00.

Local winners are eligible for Regional competition, and may earn the right to participate in state and national events.

The program, being run by Jaycees in 6,000 communities, seeks to encourage and recognize the athletic abilities of youth throughout the country. Honorary National Chairman is former miler Jim Ryan.

For more information contact Jaycee Chairman Fran Milliken at 789-0105.



Jay Collina of Agawam practices his swing at the Double D Driving Range in Agawam. photo by Jack Devine

Early Bird Swim Program

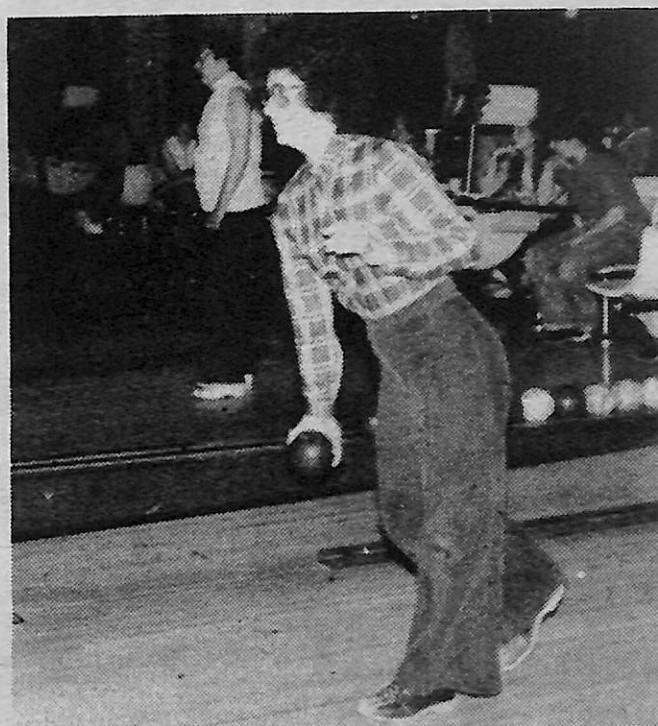
Coach Charles Smith, head swimming coach of Springfield College, announces the beginning of the spring session of the "Early Bird Swim Program" on Monday, May 7, running 7 weeks until June 22. After June 22, the program will switch to its summer hours.

This is a program designed for youngsters from the ages of 12 and up, who are either Competitive swimmers and wish to increase their basic swimming skills or are swimmers who are interested in becoming competitive swimmers.

The program will run Monday thru Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. with a special instructional analysis of technique session held on Friday evenings from 4-5 p.m. Swimmers will be given instructions in the four basic competitive strokes along with techniques in starts and turns.

Coach Smith plans on utilizing the full facilities in the natatorium by alternately using both the short and long course 50 meter capabilities of the natatorium. The program is designed to give the swimmers 3-4,000 yards of swimming each morning.

Due to the nature of the program, Coach Smith plans on limiting the enrollment to maximize the attention given each swimmer. The program will cost \$5.00 week per swimmer. Interested swimmers should contact Coach Smith at Springfield College.



Bowling at the Agawam Bowling Lanes is Roseann Quink of Agawam. photo by Jack Devine



Horsebacking is what Chery Christy likes doing best on a warm, sunny day in Agawam. photo by Jack Devine

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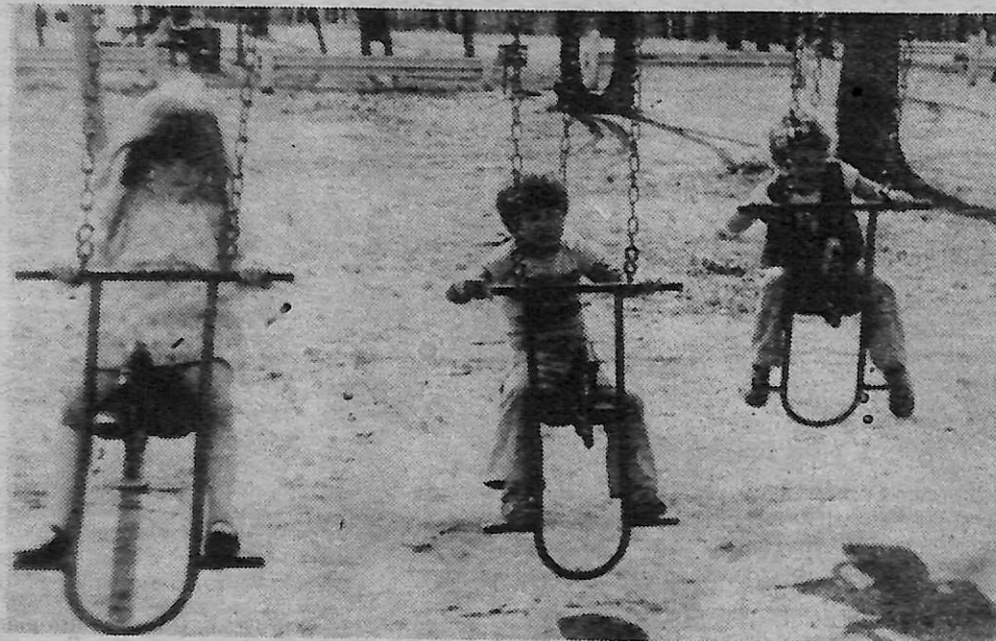
Spring Comes to Our Hometown



John Kieffer of Agawam fuels up his Bobcat loader at a gas station in Feeding Hills. photo by Jack Devine



Tom Cruz, right, age 12, and Billy Landry, also age 12 take advantage of the good weather to do some fishing. photo by Jack Devine



Enjoying the swings at Shea's Field are from left: Susie Nickerson, Charles Bigras, and Chris Racicot.



Frances Green's art class at the Agawam Junior High took advantage of the nice weather to sketch trees. photo by Jack Devine



Stephen Tremblay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tremblay was helping his mom with some landscaping chores. Stephen is 4 years old and from Agawam. photo by Jack Devine

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Down to Earth.

by Janet Cook



Merwyn Farnsworth of Feeding Hills sprays weed killer on his strawberry fields. photo by Jack Devine



Digging the dandelions from his front lawn is Paul Larrivee of Agawam. photo by Jack Devine

Garden Club to Tour Wildlife Sanctuary

The Agawam Garden Club does have a guided tour planned on May 12 at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, Tupper Reservation, Monson, Ma. This guided tour will be May's monthly meeting. Tupper Reservation is a Sanctuary for birds and wildlife and small animal preserve. This sanctuary borders Monson and Whales, Ma.

Members of the Garden Club will be treated to a motorized guided tour lasting approximately two hours of the Wildlife Preserve. Members are urged to bring camera and binoculars. Bring a picnic lunch to be eaten at the end of tour.

Those going to the wildlife Preserve, please meet at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 7:45 a.m.

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May 6, 1979

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May 4, 5, 6, 1979

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Building a stone wall at his newly purchased home on Arbor Lane, Agawam, is Ralph Cheatham. Helping him out is daughter Sherry, front, and friend Felicia Circosta. photo by Jack Devine



Katie LaBreck, age 1½, shows us that you're never too young to begin yard work. With her is friend Mike Gillis, age 4. photo by Jack Devine



Rick Bertram, an employee of the Agawam Housing Authority, rakes the lawn at the elderly housing project on North Westfield Street. photo by Jack Devine



Philip Fini of Agawam readies plants in his greenhouse on James Street in Feeding Hills.

George Bernard Shaw said, "As long as I have a want, I have a reason for living. complete satisfaction is death." This is how I feel about gardening, and life I might add.

Every year I plant my vegetable garden a little differently than I did the year before. I try new ways to mulch, to sow seed, to put starter plants in the soil, and to wage the war against insect pests. I try new types of plants to improve upon disease control and crop production. I'll try anything if it sounds reasonable to me.

Don't forsake your tried and true varieties, but do experiment with new things. In the flower garden, add and subtract every year, adding new hybrids or new colors. Subtract plants that flower only for a short time, for instance, and add re-blooming perennials or a splash of color from an annual or two. Variety is the spice of life, they say. Well, THEY were probably gardeners.

Spring is a good time to prune a lot of growing things. Prune winter-damaged trees, shrubs, evergreens, and flowering shrubs. Prune flowering shrubs ONLY after they have flowered, including azaleas and rhododendrons.

Answers To Your Question

Q. The light I have for my broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower seedlings indoors is not really very strong. Would it help their growth to put them outside, even though it is still chilly sometimes?

A. It sure would help them a lot. Indoor light, if weak, will cause your seedlings to be spindly and just barely able to support their own weight. On sunny days when the temperature is above 45 degrees, move them outdoors to a sunny, protected place. Make certain you bring them in before nightfall. Your plants will be a lot stronger when it is time to plant them.

Q. When I was cleaning out my garage, I found a dozen tulip bulbs that I'd forgotten to plant last fall. Can I still plant them now?

A. Yes, if your garage was unheated for the winter. Plant them, but don't expect flowers this year. With a little luck, they should produce enough foliage to mature the bulbs so that you might look for flowers next spring.

KEEP SMILING! JMC



HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO BE ONE OF THE "GANG" AND DO WHATEVER EVERYONE ELSE IS DOING?

KIM DONNELLY I wouldn't be part of a gang if they were doing things that are wrong, like breaking windows or throwing paper and garbage on the lawns. But I would be part of a gang if they were doing things that are right, like bicycle riding or going roller skating. It would be important to because I like to be part of gangs, but the right kind, because I get to know more people.

Agawam Middle School - Grade 6

The following responses are all from the 5th grade at Danahy School.

LORI HARPIN I'd rather not be in the gang if we were going to do things that were wrong. It isn't really important to do what everybody else is doing.

GINA DIALESSI If I were in a gang, I wouldn't do things that aren't nice. I wouldn't take a rock and throw it at a window.

IF YOU HAD THE POWER TO PASS ANY LAWS FOR THE COUNTRY, WHAT LAWS WOULD YOU PUT INTO EFFECT?

BOBBY PETERSON I think if I had the power to pass laws, I'd have a law that says every person in the world would get money except for the rich people. I don't think poverty is fair. If the rich people have a lot of money, why don't they give some to the poor? If there is enough for everybody then we could share it. With the money given them, the poor people could order more food.

MARIA DESPIRT I would like to see food prices lowered. They are too high for even a candy bar. I think I would tell people to not buy something that is too high and let it spoil on the shelf until they lower it to a fair price.

JOHN KOVALSKY I would raise the speed limit because some people go too slow. If you pick up a person that is hurt badly, you will be able to get help for them sooner.

W. C. CONLIN I would like to raise the smoking age up to twenty-eight because too many young people are dying from lung cancer.

BRENDON HILDRETH The law no hunting for fun would go into effect. Animals should not be killed just for the fun of killing them.

GLEN TETREAULT The law I would make is no smoking because people can get lung cancer and they could die. They have to cut out part of the lungs. I think people should not smoke.

IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN IN SCHOOL THAT IS NOT BEING TAUGHT NOW?

PAUL SCOVILLE I think they should teach driving to kids. What would happen if you're in a car or truck, and your driver has a heart attack so your car goes out of control?

BECKY PETERSON I think cooking should be taught, because some people might want to learn that do not know how to cook.

KATHY MATUS I'd like to take sewing because it's very easy to do. You need to learn how to sew, because later on in life you will have to sew something.

PATTI SMITH I would like to be taught how to put a model together, because I can't put a model together and I don't get the directions.

KAREN GOVONI I'd like to work with Chemistry and magnetism. I'd like to do a lot of experiments.

PATTY SCOVILLE School is sometimes boring. They should have a room that you could go into and study plants, read about animals if you wanted to be a veterinarian, or build planes. Then all the work you missed you could have for homework. It may be fun.

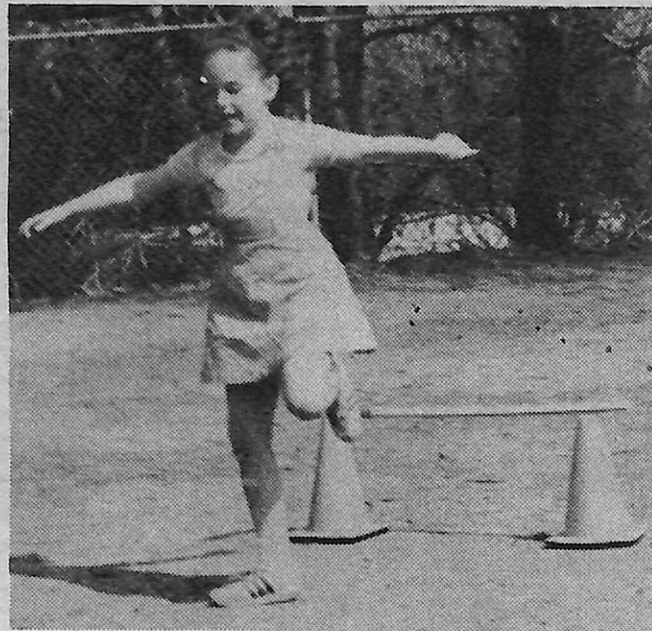
TAMMY STONE Yes, I would like to learn how to take care of horses because when I grow up I'm going to buy two horses and I would like to know how to take care of them.

DEANNE DUCLOS I would like to learn about parts of the body of the horse and how to train horses.

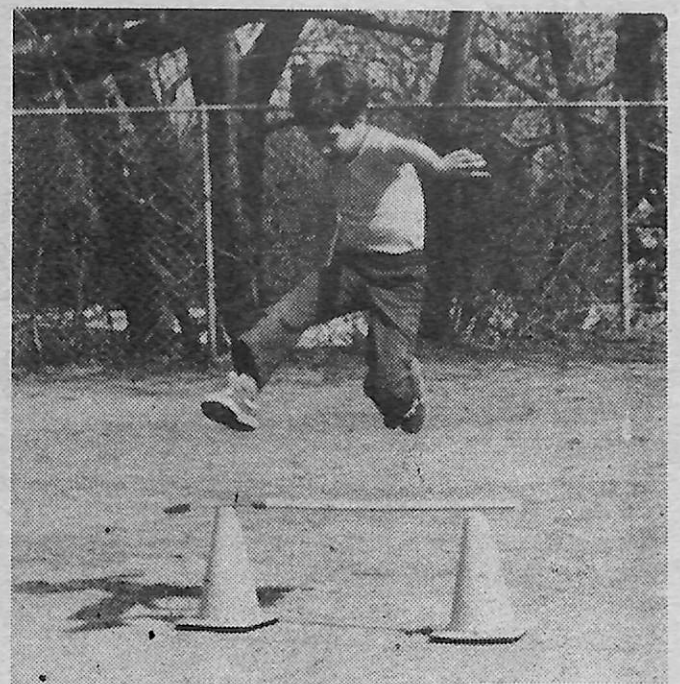
NORA LLOYD I am in the fifth grade. My reading teacher Mr. Spiro was having a conversation. We were talking about speed reading courses. When he was telling what it would be like, I thought how I'd like to be a speed reader. My own opinion is I think speed reading should be taught in school. People don't know as much as books do, and if you "speed read" you would read many more books and know more things about our world and life. Children who know much more from reading would be better off.

Next Week's Question: TELL US ABOUT YOUR DREAMS.

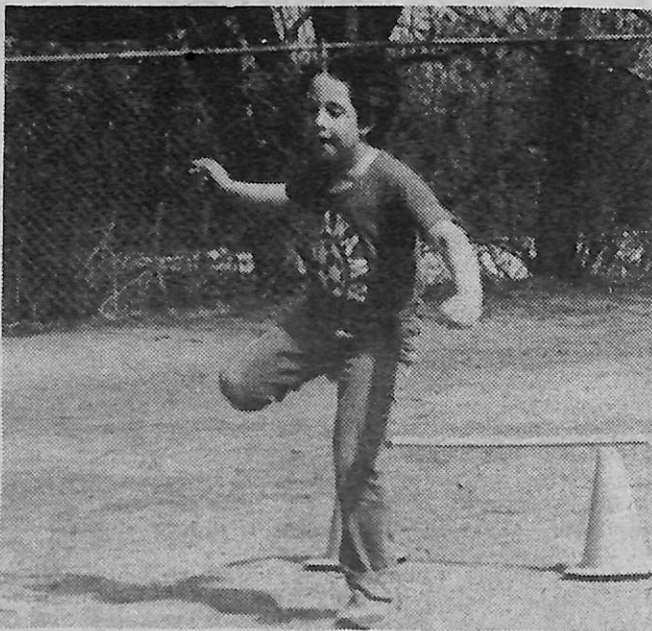
Agawam Kids Have Fun in School



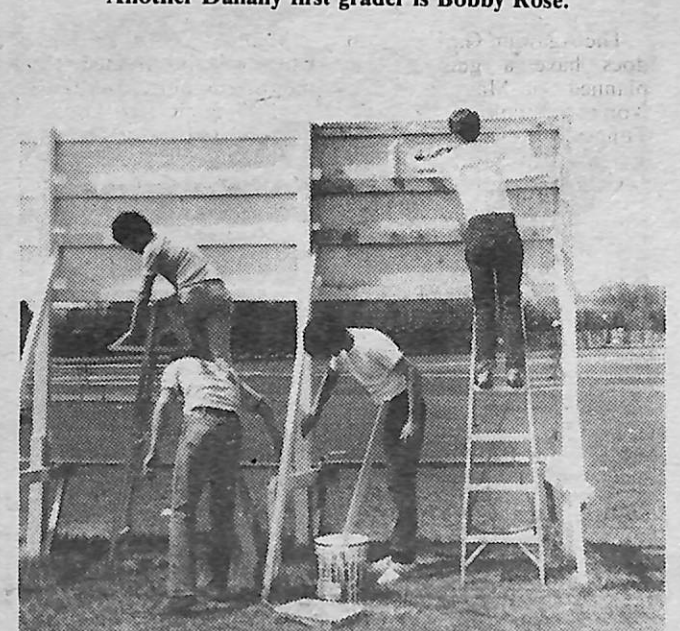
Jumping is part of gym class for these first graders at Danahy School. Above is Katie St. Hill.



Another Danahy first grader is Bobby Rose.



Danahy first grader, Thomas Cabey



These high school students, members of the Structures class, found the day perfect for painting the baseball scoreboard at Agawam High. photo by Jack Devine



These second graders at Robinson Park School rehearse for an upcoming play with music teacher, Mrs. Files (not pictured). photo by Jack Devine



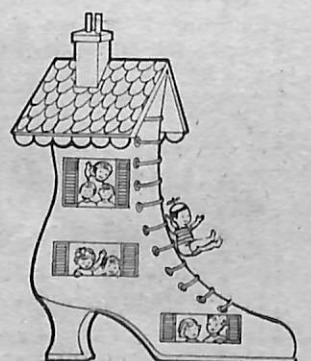
Pierce School first graders found themselves busy painting Hansel and Gretel posters for the school bulletin board. They are, (clockwise beginning front left) Richard Settle, teacher Sylvia Sullivan, Timothy Juzba, Maureen O'Keefe, and Shaun St. Jacques. Boy with his back to camera is unidentified. photo by Jack Devine

Tag Sale To Be Held

A tag sale will be held by Concerned Citizens for Animals, Inc. on May 11 & 12, and May 17-19 at 444 Dippinghole Road, Wilbraham, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Proceeds from the sale are used to help needy people spay and neuter their pets. The group, in addition to administering its spay/neuter program, provides services to groups and schools in the field of humane education.

Anyone wishing to contribute items to the sale are welcome to contact Mrs. Dana Ham, 20 Brooklawn Road, Wilbraham, Mass. (596-4550) or Mrs. Lloyd Ewig, 485 Dippinghole Road, Wilbraham (596-4551) to arrange pick-up or delivery.

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Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

All eggs laid into the springtime nests of area birds must experience an incubation period before the chicks hatch and the young begin their sojourn in the nest.

Although the eggs are laid one at a time over a period of days, the female often does not begin brooding until all the eggs are present, and therefore, all the chicks hatch a relatively the same time so that none enjoys a significant size advantage over the others. In some species, this is not the case, and in anything less than optimum conditions, the latest-hatched chicks stand the least chance of surviving.

One bird known to most is the robin, so we can chart the path of this newly-hatched fledgling with some sense of familiarity. A robin's clutch consists of three to six eggs which incubate for about 13 days. The young are, typed altricial; that is, they are naked, blind, and totally dependant upon their parents for survival. Precocial birds, such as the domestic hen, are usually running around searching for their own food within hours of hatching.

The young robins sit in the nest squawking for food which the parents deliver religiously. Each parent can be expected to return to the nest in excess of two hundred times a day with food for the young. The parents feed one chick until it refuses to swallow any more and then turns to another. The parents continue this frantic routine until the fledglings are ready to leave the nest some two weeks later.

Obviously, the food supply is a very important factor in the survival rate of young birds. But if the food supply is low, the parents will double their efforts to find enough nutrition. If enough is not found, the strongest young will be able to crane their

necks the highest and receive whatever food is offered, thus insuring natural selection.

Perhaps the biggest danger to young birds is cold weather. When the temperature drops, it becomes an advantage to be in a larger clutch as the young will help keep each other warm. In cold weather, the female will sit on the nest to help maintain warmth and will leave most of the food-finding efforts to her mate. The food supply is cut nearly in half, while at the same time more food is required to keep up body temperature.

The older birds assume parenting roles other than those of food-providers. Protector is big on the list. Males in particular will often defend the nest fiercely, dive-bombing, biting, and clawing predators. The female is the housekeeper. She sometimes searches the nest for parasites and shakes and fluffs the lining of the nest to improve its insulation value.

In the case of the robin, the fledglings often before they are really ready. While the female is busy preparing for another brood, the male often continues attending to the young as they beg from the low branch of a shrub for food. As the supply lessens, the young bird realizes he must fend for himself and usually does.

all too often a sympathetic human will decide to "rescue" an abandoned bird. Usually the bird has not been abandoned at all and if it is large enough to hop around, it will get itself to shelter. A truly helpless which has fallen from the nest should be put back in as quickly as possible with as little disturbance as possible. While young birds can be raised in an artificial environment, it is far better for them to remain in the wild if at all possible.

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Gonna Build A Mountain

by Rita White

Don't laugh! If Zabelle Hazen decides she wants a mountain, she'll build one. That's if she continues her present style.

We can see the beginning of this in Zabelle's home. She and her husband took a painted, fairly traditional home; stripped it down and stained it and then completely redid the interior to an Early American finish. But they didn't stop there. With the exception of the appliances, the T.V. set and a couch, everything in their home is handmade. Zabelle's husband used to make her a piece or more every year for gifts.

When Mr. Hazen simply didn't have the time to do that anymore, Zabelle had him teach her how to build the furniture. She now builds her own Shaker furniture, such as the settle hutch in their home and the dry sink currently at the Mouse House in Agawam.

A while back Zabelle saw something in a magazine she wanted and knew she'd probably have great difficulty finding one, if at all. So Zabelle went and signed up for the adult education classes held at the high school. Her course? Ironworking. Her first project in class? The antique plate rack she had seen in the magazine. She followed this with 2 sets of fireplace tools, 4 different shaker style tin lamps and she finished the 7 month course by building herself a 61/2 foot tall baker's rack. I call that impressive.

Zabelle Hazen wanted something else a few years ago. She wanted some kind of job she could do at home so that she could stay at home with her children.

Zabell had taken a course in toile painting and that she felt opened the world of color to her. She had always sewn and decided to combine her sewing expertise with her new

found artistic talent.

Zabelle's crafts include pillows, handbags and hand made dolls. The dolls are period dolls and are truly beautiful, my favorite being one of the Victorian ones.

Zabelle doesn't consider her crafts hobbies, but her profession. One of her hobbies though is gardening and that has led her to another craft. Zabelle loves to garden and she grows and dries many flowers, then makes dried floral arrangements. To keep her "Early American" theme (which is found in everything she makes) she always manages to incorporate some calico and hand made flowers into her arrangements.

Zabelle has again gotten something she wanted. She is able to stay home with her children and still have an income. Her crafts can be found in Agawam's Country Mouse House and in the Out-of-Hand Boutique in New Jersey.

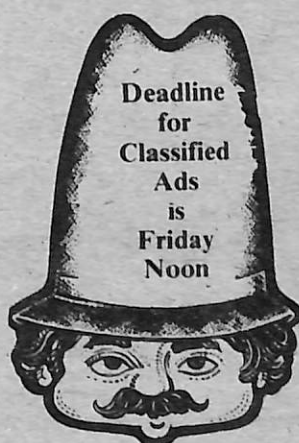
Zabelle does some craft shows in the area, including Storowtown, the West Springfield on the Green show, some here in Agawam and has done the show in Belchertown.

All of this keeps Zabelle pretty busy. This of course on top of her three children, ages 10, 13 and 14. Her daughter, 13, seems to be the only one inclined to follow in mother's footsteps. She is a member of 4-H and is always bringing home hand-made items for Zabelle.

Zabelle's busy life leaves her little time for other hobbies and according to Zabelle, the only sports she has any interest in are a little tennis and some swimming.

So, whether it's a breadbox, a piece of furniture or even a mountain, if Zabelle decides she wants it, she'll have it.

Happy craft season and continued success Zabelle.



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James Cavanaugh, a Springfield bird enthusiast, is the instructor. An evening orientation and two Saturday morning field walks are scheduled. These two early morning sessions begin at 7:30 a.m. and are held on May 5 and 12th.

Registration for the Bird Behavior course is limited and a fee is charged. Reservations are accepted by mail.

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is holding a special program for preschoolers and their parents beginning on Thursday, May 3rd. *Kids and Parents* is a series of four 1 1/2 hour explorations of natural history in a relaxing atmosphere.

Children ages 3 and 4, along with parents or grandparents, will learn about plants and animals at the 260-acre sanctuary. Each day a new woodland path will be taken to discover living examples of nature. Wildflowers, land snails, salamanders, turtles, and trees will all be part of the discoveries.

Sanctuary staff will provide direction and suggest activities for parents to work with their children during the weeks between the sessions.

Kids and Parents is open to the public and a fee is charged.

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring an after school program for fifth and sixth graders beginning Tuesday, May 8th from 3:30 to 5.

Annie Tiberio, Environmental Education Coordinator at Laughing Brook, will host the program. Emphasis will be on finding exciting springtime discoveries. The children will additionally work on craft projects just in time for Mother's Day.

The *Spring Fling* program is held May 8, 15, and 22, and registration is limited and a fee charged.

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering a special 3-session photography workshop

beginning Sunday, May 6 at 9:30 a.m.

William A. Tompkins, adjunct professor of biology at Springfield College and former city naturalist of Springfield, is the course instructor. His photographic abilities have won him numerous recognition awards in various countries, especially in the nature slide competitions.

The photography workshop is for work with 35 mm cameras using either black and white or color film. Subject concentration will be "nature in springtime." An indoor orientation, outdoor work session, and final critique are scheduled for each of the two-hour meetings.

The photography workshop is open to the public and a fee is charged.

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering area residents an opportunity to become more familiar with local late spring wildflowers. The three two-hour sessions titled *Spring Wildflowers* begins Saturday, May 5, 12, 19 at 10 a.m.

Mabel Potter, former biology teacher and botanist, will lead participants on short walks at the 260-acre sanctuary. Wildflowers will be examined and their habitats outlined in each session.

Observing the role wildflowers play in nature will be emphasized equally with identifying and naming them in this course. Mabel Potter has taught numerous workshops for the Audubon Society and other organizations.

Spring Wildflowers is open to the public and a fee is charged.

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering visitors to the 260-acre wildlife sanctuary special programs in May.

Each Sunday of the month will find an afternoon family walk beginning at 2 p.m. The walks will be led by Laughing Brook staff members. Each day will focus on a different subject, including a general nature walk, stream ecology, New England geology and ferns.

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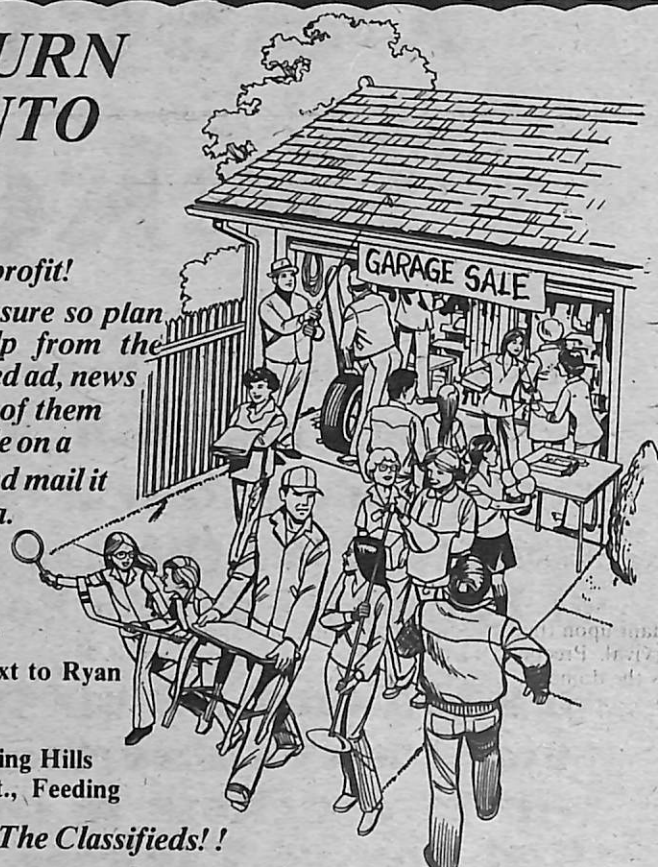
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